THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) Relevant information is being collected and will be tabled before the House when received.

Role of Hurriyat Conference in Negotiations between India and Pak

2751. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the role of the All Party Hurriat Conference in the ongoing negotiations on Jammu and Kashmir between India and Pakistan; and

(b) the role of the elected representatives of Jammu and Kashmir in these negotiations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The Composite Dialogue, including the deliberations on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir, is a bilateral dialogue between the Governments of India and Pakistan, in which the Government of India represents all sections of the people of India, including the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

US Mission

2752. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US proposes to open more missions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent these new missions have helped to meet the increasing commercial, educational and cultural interaction demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) The Government has been approached by the United States Government for opening an additional Consulate in Hyderabad. In principle approval to the proposal has been accorded.

(c) In view of the transformation of India-US ties and the strong economic and people-to-people linkages, Government is of the view that an additional